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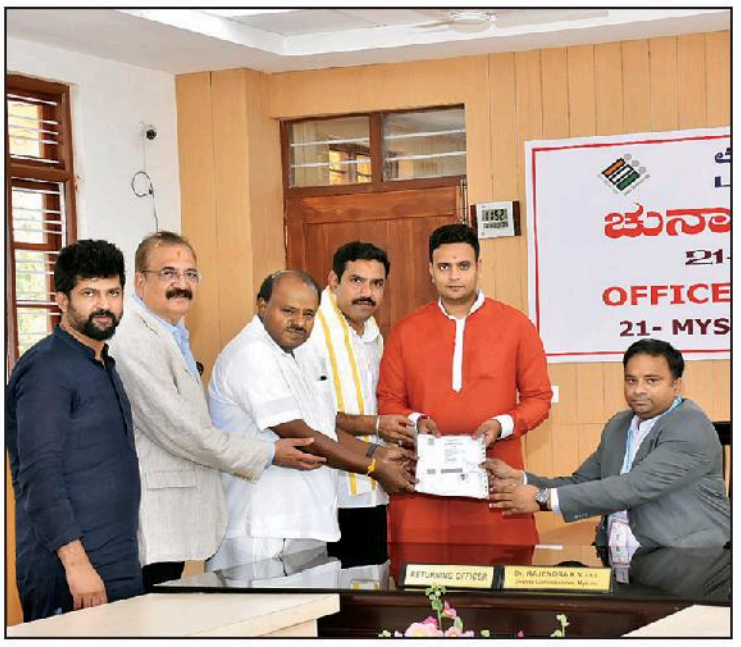
Yaduveer files nomination papers amidst fanfare

Supporters of BJP-JD(S) take out massive procession accompanied by folk troupes



A massive procession was taken out from the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to the DC's Office at Siddarthanagar this morning before Yaduveer Wadiyar filed his nomination papers. Picture right shows Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer Dr. K.V. Rajendra receiving the nomination papers from Yaduveer. Also seen are** (from left) **incumbent Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, Dr. Ravi Prakash, former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy and BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra.

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BLU & BCT)- BJP-JD(S) consensus candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also the scion of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, formally submitted his nomination papers for the Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary Constituency at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, at Siddarthanagar, on Bannur Road.

Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru K.V. Rajendra, who is also the Returning Officer for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency received the nomination papers. Yaduveer was accompanied by former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra and incumbent Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha.

The occasion was celebrated with a grand procession from the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to the DC's Office, accompanied by colourful folk troupes and lively music, creating a festive atmosphere. Commencing his day early, Yaduveer embarked on a garlanding spree, paying respects to the statues of notable personalities installed within Mysuru city.

Although Yaduveer was initially scheduled to file his nomination papers on April 3 (today), he unexpectedly filed two sets of nomination papers on April 1 (Monday), in the company of his mother, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, and BJP leaders.

Sources within the BJP revealed that the decision to submit the nomination papers last Monday was made due to the auspicious nature of the day.

(See NOMINATION on page 6)

Sumalatha to join BJP

Mandya, Apr. 3 (Mohanraj & BS)- Ending speculations, Mandya independent MP Sumalatha Ambarish has officially announced her decision to join the BJP. However, she has opted not to contest the forthcoming elections, clearing the path for Janata Dal (Secular) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy, who has been selected as the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate to contest from Mandya.

Sumalatha Ambarish

In the wake of the alliance between the BJP and JD(S), the BJP is contesting from 25 Lok Sabha Constituencies in the State, while the JD(S) is fielding candidates in three Constituencies, including Mandya, Hassan and Kolar (SC Reserve) Constituencies. At a meeting of her supporters, predominantly fans of her late actor husband and former Minister M.H. Ambarish, convened at the Kalikamba Community Hall on the premises of the Kalikamba temple in the town this morning, Sumalatha announced her decision to join the BJP to resounding applause from the gathering.

Reflecting on her journey, Sumalatha remarked, "As an independent candidate in the 52-year history of Lok Sabha, I achieved a historic victory in the 2019 elections and was among the few MPs who dared to challenge the Government during the hustings."

(See SUMALATHA on page 7)

TEASER

By N. Prakash

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 3rd April 2024

EPFO conducts District Outreach Programme

Mysuru, Apr. 3- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) conducted its District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 at N. Rangarao & Sons Private Limited on Nanjangud Road in Mysuru on Mar. 27.

M.R. Suresh, Chief Operating Officer, Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd. and Srinivasa Katti, General Manager (HR), Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd., were the chief guests on the occasion.

B.N. Ramesh, Enforcement Officer / District Nodal Officer, Mrudul K. Ramesh, SSA and A. Thejas Krishnan, SSA of EPFO, Regional Office, Mysuru and officials of ESIC, Mysuru, have redressed the grievance of stakeholders and managed the event.

EPFO stakeholders visited the venue with their queries and grievances, which were solved on the spot.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Peace of mind means a state in which your brain is calm, at ease, and untroubled by unwanted thoughts and worries. This expression describes a feeling of tranquillity or a condition of carefree contentment that all of us wish to achieve but few succeed. The essential feature of true peace of mind is that it is internal to oneself. The whole of humanity is endeavouring to attain lasting peace of mind. However, it is not that we must have or get peace of mind at any cost. We need not value peace of mind excessively, more than its value. Often, we have to be prepared to forego peace of mind to achieve our cherished goals. The satisfaction of achieving our goal, sometimes, is worth sacrificing our peace of mind, albeit temporarily. Take the example of getting a coveted job after a struggle and turmoil over days and months. The midnight oil burnt was worth the peace of mind lost.

Even the epic Bhagavad Gita advocates abandoning peace of mind to gain its cherished goal of victory over the wicked. Look at the sacrifice of lakhs of soldiers martyred and the grief and agony of their relatives and well wishers — the cost of postwar peace and tranquillity that followed.

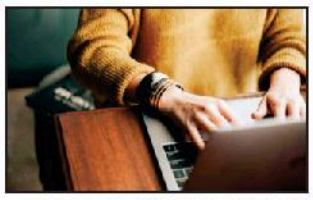
Peace that comes out of achievement is most valuable, especially the one that is a result of conflict resolution or personal public recognition. Other situations when you feel complete and feel peace of mind in abundance are when your wishes and ambitions are fulfilled, or when everything is right for you, when the situation around you is comfortable for your ego and your body.

However, this peace is not peace. Real peace means nothingness; absence of everything, both sukha and dukha. Peace is not something that you create; peace is not something that happens. Peace is something that always is. What happens on the surface is actually a disturbance. Peace is not something that you create or discover; peace is not something that happens. Peace is something that always is with you. It is your natural state of mind and remains so until you disturb it!

In the ultimate analysis, real peace is found only in prayer and meditation which assures the presence of the grace and love of God; that is true Ananda; all else is a semblance of peace. *—A.V.R. Rao in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman to face 7 years jail for negative review



Lagos: A Nigerian woman is facing up to seven years in prison for allegedly breaking her country's cyber crime laws by posting a negative online review for a can of tomato puree.

In September last year, 39-year-old Chioma Okoli took to Facebook to voice her opinion about a can of tomato puree she had recently bought, claiming that it contained too much sugar and asking her friends and followers to express their opinions as well. Somehow, Okoli's post went viral on social media, generating over 3,000 comments, including one from a person claiming to be the sister of the founder of Erisco Foods Limited, the company that made the canned tomato puree. They asked Okoli to stop bashing the product and just try something else, but the woman doubled down on her claims, asking the person to ask their brother to "stop ki***ing people with his product." She was arrested just days later and she is now facing up to seven years in prison.

Servers compete in century-old race at Paris

Paris: Foreign stereotypes of French restaurants tend to paint the service as slow. But hordes of Parisian waiters proved just the opposite this weekend as they hurtled down the streets of the capital with full trays in hand.

Thousands gathered to watch more than 200 servers compete in "Course des Cafés," the newly-revived version of a century-old race.

Waiters and waitresses traversed a 1.2-mile loop, in traditional white shirts, black trousers, aprons and bow ties. They carried a tray loaded with a croissant, water glass and an empty coffee cup. Judges at the finish line inspected contestants' trays, docking points for sloshed water, broken dishes and empty glasses. They reported that most people finished in under 20 minutes.

HEALTH CAPSULE

HPV vaccine should be taken by all adolescent girls age 9 to 14 years, to prevent Cancer of Cervix

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics And Gynaecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Moonlight Concert held at Suttur Mutt in city

Ustad Sarfaraz Khan and Ustad Faraz Khan presenting a vocal duet as part of the 265th edition of the monthly moonlight music (Beladingala Sangeetha) at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on Mar. 25. They are accompanied by Pandit Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pandit Sumit Nayak on tabla.

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.42
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VOICE OF THE READER

Location and road indicator boards: Suggestion

Sir,

Kudos to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for the recent initiative taken to install high-quality location and road indicator boards throughout the city in Kannada. These boards serve as invaluable aids to the public, who can read Kannada.

The estimated population of Mysuru city in 2024 is 12,65,000 and the metro population is 14,05,000, experiencing an average annual growth rate at 2.14%. However, only about 40% of the metro population is conversant with Kannada, while a significant portion cannot read or write Kannada. Also tourists from different parts of the world visit Mysuru, who also can either read or write Kannada.

Given this demographic diversity, it would greatly benefit residents and visitors alike if English language location and road indicator boards are also installed alongside Kannada ones. This would ensure accessibility and ease of navigation for a wider spectrum of individuals, including tourists and non-Kannada speakers residing in Mysuru.

It is imperative, however, that precautions are to be taken to prevent any vandalism or defacement of these English boards.

It must be ensured that the enthusiasm for promoting Kannada language does not lead to the obstruction of services that cater to the needs of all residents and visitors alike.

—K. Chandrahas
KRS Road, Mysuru
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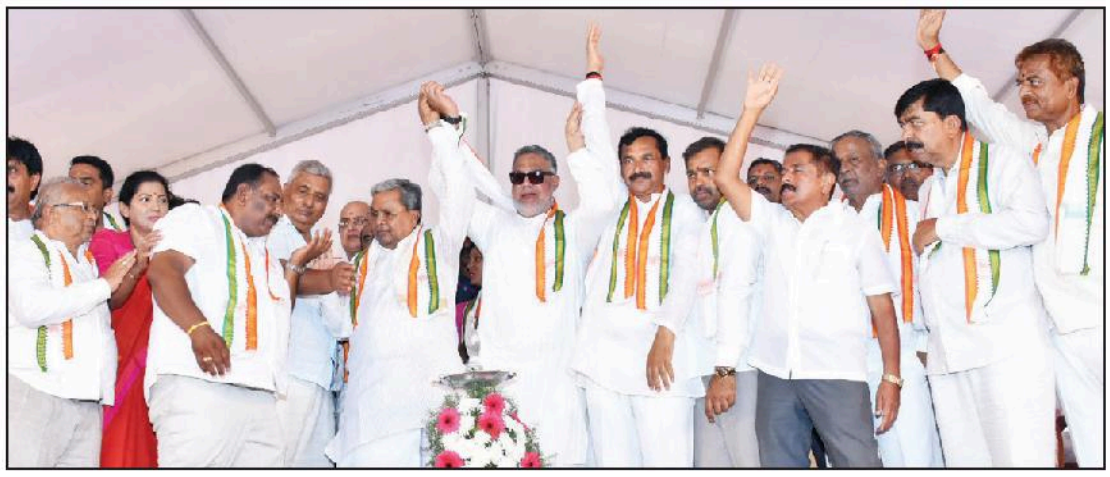
None from H.D. Deve Gowda family will smell victory: CM



Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BLU&VNS)- None of the members from the camp of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda will savour the sweet scent of victory in the upcoming LS election, declared Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking at a Congress party campaign near Abhishek Circle in Hebbal, Siddaramaiah revealed that he had received information indicating the likely defeat of former PM Deve Gowda's son, former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, his grandson Prajwal Revanna and son-in-law Dr. C.N. Manjunath in the Mandya, Hassan and Bangalore Rural Constituencies respectively.

Encouraging party members to remain grounded and not succumb to emotional appeals, the CM cautioned against the persuasive tactics employed by H.D. Deve Gowda and H.D. Kumaraswamy during their campaign visits. He emphasised the necessity of seeing through their falsehoods and not falling prey to their emotional ploys.

"Yediyurappa was accountable for the downfall of H.D. Kumaraswamy's Government. However, they have now allied. Despite Congress holding 80 MLAs, we (Congress) allowed Kumaraswamy to lead the Government with JD(S) having only 38 MLAs, solely to prevent their collaboration with the BJP. Nevertheless, JD(S) leaders, who once criticised BJP for the Coalition Government's collapse, have now allied," he remarked.

In a subtle jab at H.D. Deve Gowda, he highlighted that the former PM, who currently lavishes praise on PM Narendra Modi, had opted against aligning with the BJP during the Janata Dal split, only to be later ousted unceremoniously from JD(S), which he had helped establish.

Citing the case of Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Siddaramaiah noted that instead of granting the ticket to Harishgowda, then a JD(S) member, H.D. Deve Gowda allocated it to Prof. K.S. Rangappa. "He exploits individuals and then discards them. There are no better examples than myself and Harishgowda," he said.

Modi's contribution to Karnataka is zero

During his speech, Siddaramaiah criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his purported lack of contribution to Karnataka's development and welfare. He has merely overseen a rise in the prices of essential commodities, Siddaramaiah remarked.

He further noted the absence of both PM Modi and Amit Shah during a severe drought in the State, highlighting their current visits solely for electoral gains. "All 25 MPs remain silent in the presence of the PM, fearing to speak up. Do we desire such representatives in Lok Sabha?" he questioned the audience.

'BJP ignored Vokkaligas while issuing ticket to Royalist'

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BLU&DM)- CM Siddaramaiah played the Vokkaliga card to target the BJP during his poll campaign for Mysuru-Kodagu LS Seat Congress candidate M. Lakshmana at Hebbal in city on Tuesday.

Arguing that BJP had denied ticket to sitting MP Prathap Simha for lying, the CM said the Congress has given the party ticket to Lakshmana, a Vokkaliga, who is a native of Mysuru district.

Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, who also addressed the poll campaign, dropped a bombshell when he said that JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda played a key role in the denial of ticket to Prathap Simha, as Deve Gowda wanted Royal family titular head Yaduveer to contest the polls from Mysuru-Kodagu seat on a BJP ticket, as this would also benefit JD(S) in the neighbouring Mandya and Hassan.

Maintaining that Deve Gowda pressed for Yaduveer's candidature, Venkatesh wondered how could Yaduveer get the BJP ticket when he was not in the race at all. Reiterating that Deve Gowda batted strongly for the candidature of Yaduveer as it would also benefit JD(S) candidates in neighbouring Mandya and Hassan, where his son and grandson are contesting from.

Venkatesh further said that Simha was a migrant from Hassan, while Congress candidate M. Lakshmana was a native Vokkaliga leader from Mysuru.

Yaduveer declares assets worth Rs. 4.99 crore

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BCT)- Titular head of Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who filed his nomination papers as the BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat on Wednesday, has declared assets worth a total of Rs. 4.99 crore.

The affidavit submitted by Yaduveer, aged 32, son of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and residing at F-1, The Palace Mysore, Mysore - 570001, reveals assets totalling Rs. 4,99,59,303 under his ownership. Additionally, assets under the names of his spouse and dependent are valued at Rs. 1,04,25,000 and Rs. 3,63,55,343, respectively. Notably, the affidavit excludes any immovable properties such as agricultural land, non-agricultural and commercial buildings under his, his spouse's, or his dependent's ownership.

The declared assets encompass gold and silver jewellery and bullion valued at Rs. 3,39,00,000 in his possession, Rs. 1,02,50,000 under his wife's ownership, and Rs. 24,50,000 under his dependent's ownership. Yaduveer has disclosed bank deposits and investments in bonds and shares totalling Rs. 1,36,04,303, which includes Rs. 1,00,000 in cash. By his income tax filings, Yaduveer reported an income of Rs. 28,42,970 for the fiscal year 2022-23, Rs. 8,51,340 for 2021-22 and Rs. 1,68,330 for 2020-21.

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Amit Shah asks disgruntled leaders to work unitedly

Bengaluru, Apr. 3- Building tempo for the BJP's Lok Sabha poll battle in Karnataka with alliance partner JD(S), Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday, in a bid to iron out differences over ticket allocation in four Lok Sabha Constituencies, held a meeting with disgruntled BJP leaders from Chitradurga, Davangere, Tumakuru and Chikkaballapur Constituencies and asked them to fall in line and work unitedly to ensure the victory of PM Modi in every seat of the State.

Shah asked them to set aside differences with party nominees. According to sources, Shah during the meeting, clarified that candidate selection was based on the 'winnability' factor and not on anyone's recommendations. He also told leaders to perform in the elections to secure their own future in the party.

Shah, along with party veteran B.S. Yediyurappa, State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra and Opposition leader R. Ashoka, chose to sit with district-level leaders, rather than preside over them from a dais. Former Minister J.C. Madhuswamy who has differences over the party's Tumakuru nominee V. Somanna, was the only 'disgruntled' leader who skipped the meeting, the sources added.

Earlier in the day, Shah chaired a crucial BJP-JD(S) core committee meeting during which he urged the functionaries of both the parties to collaborate effectively to prevent Congress from winning. Shah directed them to establish Co-ordination Committees in each seat to ensure a unified campaign.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP candidates** (from extreme left) **for the Lok Sabha elections Dr. K. Sudhakar, Tejasvi Surya, Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Shobha Karandlaje and P.C. Mohan and BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra and Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok, during the convention organised at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Shah later addressed a convention of representatives from BJP's Shakti Kendras (cluster of booths) from the Lok Sabha constituencies of Bangalore-North, South, Central and Rural and Chikkaballapur at the Palace grounds. He launched an allout attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, charging them of neglecting the interests of the State owing to their power tussle.

Shah also accused the two leaders of politicising the issue of drought relief assistance from the Centre.

"The Chief Minister is busy trying to save his chair, while the Deputy CM is busy trying to snatch the chair from him. The Congress Government is neither bothered about development of the State nor protecting the interests of the people", Shah said.

Speaking about drought, Shah accused the Congress Government of delay in sending the memorandum to the Centre for assistance by at least three months.

Referring to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) kicking in, Shah maintained that the drought assistance issue is now before the Election Commission. But the Congress Government is politicising it, he alleged.

On the Congress Government's charge that the Centre had discriminated against Karnataka in devolution of taxes and funds, Shah claimed that the State had received only Rs.1,42,000 crore during the 10-year rule of the UPA Government led by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. "But in the last 10 years, the Modi Government has given Rs.4,91,000 crore to Karnataka. In addition, Rs.25,000 crore has been given for development of National Highways and Rs.12,000 crore for development of Airports", he said while accusing the UPA regime of large scale corruption in its 10 year rule from 2004 to 2014.

Asserting that 3.5 crore people in Karnataka have received individual benefits through various Central Government schemes, Shah said " If anybody has developed Bengaluru, it is the Modi Government."

Maintaining that the BJP-led NDA Government stands distinct from the Opposition's INDIA Bloc, Shah labelled the Opposition alliance as 'Parivarvaadis' (dynasty) and 'Bhrashtacharis' (corrupt individuals)."

PM Modi has consistently dedicated himself to serving Bharat, never taking a single day off, while Rahul Gandhi tends to travel abroad when summer approaches", he said adding that Congress leaders struggle to locate Rahul every six months.

Referring to 'INDIA Bloc's 'Save Democracy' rally in New Delhi, Shah said it was not aimed at saving Democracy, but rather to protect 'Parivarvaad' and the corrupt.

He highlighted PM Modi's promise during the 2014 LS polls to prosecute those involved in scams when UPA Government led by Congress was at the helm.

Responding to Opposition charges of witch hunting by the Modi Government, the Union Home Minister shot back saying "Are we not duty-bound to hold corrupt individuals accountable?."

Shah holds road show at Channapatna

Later on Tuesday evening, Shah participated in a road show in Channapatna that comes under Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha seat to campaign for BJP Candidate Dr. C.N. Manjunath, a Cardiologist and a former Director of Bengaluru's Jayadeva Hospital.

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is the JD(S) candidate for Mandya LS seat and the current MLA from Channapatna, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, MLC C.P. Yogeshwar and a host of other BJP and JD(S) leaders took part in the nearly 2-Km long road show. This was the first public campaign of BJP central leaders with JD(S) leaders for the LS polls. Scores of supporters of both the BJP and JD(S) stood on either side of the road along with flags of their respective parties to greet the leaders.

The choice of the place for the road show is seen as a challenge to Deputy CM D.K.Shivakumar and his brother D.K.Suresh, the incumbent Bangalore Rural MP, who is seeking re-election.

Kodagu water bodies await good rains

Following rise in maximum temperature, Talacauvery, the birth place of River Cauvery is severely affected

With no rains and decrease in water level, rocks and stones are visible in the almost dried up Cauvery River at Dubare in Kodagu.

Madikeri, Apr. 3 (BS)- The rivers and water bodies in Kodagu district where River Cauvery originates are at the mercy of Rain God, owing to rise in mercury level with every passing day. The tributaries of Cauvery have dried up resembling arid region, with rocks and sand visible at the bottom.

Talacauvery, the birthplace of River Cauvery is also hit by sweltering heat, causing dip in water level at Triveni Sangama in Bhagamandala. The devotees are finding it difficult to take a holy dip. Except for the rainfall in Napoklu region, no other parts in the district have received seasonal rainfall.

Following the deficit in rain and lack of adequate downpour during the previous rainy season, the rivers have dried up in the month of March itself due to scorching sun. The river area near Guhya-Agastheshwara Temple at Siddapura resembles a ground. The river at Dubare that was brimming with water has been adding to the disappointment of tourists with the river touching rock bottom. As a result, the river rafting here has also been stopped. When the river was flowing heavily, the sand bags were kept to arrest the flow of water, but now the situation is vice-versa.

Similarly, lakes and borewells are also getting dried up contributing to the failure of Jal Jeevan Mission that was intended to supply water at the doorsteps of the people, at most of Gram Panchayat (GP) limits. With no water available, how can we supply water? ask the hapless GP authorities.

If there is no spell of good rainfall in the next few days, the situation may turn worse further with the cry for drinking water expected to touch its peak. The impact can be also felt in the neighbouring districts which were largely dependent on Cauvery river water to meet their drinking water requirements.

COFFEE YIELD TO BE HIT

The lakes at coffee estates have also gone dry, with the growers finding it difficult to supply water to the plantation. With rivers also dried up and inadequate rainfall, the plantations may suffer damage affecting the yield next year. The coffee growers are praying for a minimum of three to four days of copious rain.

The representatives of various organisations, devotees, farmers, political leaders and several others have also offered prayers at Talacauvery and Chamundi Hill hoping for a good spell of rain.

Tourists walking on rocks at Dubare.

Temperature at 33 to 35 degree Celsius

On one hand rivers have almost gone dry, while on the other hand, scorching sun has been troubling the people. Kodagu, that is popular as 'Kashmir of South India' for its salubrious weather condition maintaining the temperature level irrespective of season has been witnessing the maximum temperature hovering between 33 to 35 degree Celsius in the month of March-April.

Hoping for a respite, thousands of tourists are thronging Kodagu, but have been expressing their dismay over the soaring temperature and non-availability of water. If this is the situation now, what does the month of April-May hold for the district. This is the moot question in their mind. Even the wildlife is largely affected by pressing water situation, which are now straying out of forests in search of water at estates and farms. However, the lakes and water bodies at these farms and estates have also dried up. Following the unbearable heat and wildfire, the green patches at forests are also damaged, triggering scarcity of food for wild animals.

Max. temperature in Mysuru to touch 37 degree Celsius

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BS)- Mysuru district has been witnessing scorching heat in the last few days and there is no escape from the unbearable weather condition for another five days, as per the forecast of University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru and Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).

According to Agro-Advisory Bulletin for Mysuru district issued jointly by UAS and IMD through Gramin Krishi Mausam SEWA, AMFU, Organic Farming Research Station (OFRS), Naganahalli, Mysuru, dated Apr. 2, the maximum temperature on Mar. 30 was recorded at 36.3 degree Celsius, 36.5 degree Celsius on Mar. 31 and 36.6 degree Celsius on Apr. 1.

The forecast for next five days from Apr. 3 to Apr.7 is as follows: Apr. 3 - 36 degree Celsius and on Apr. 4, Apr. 5, Apr. 6 and Apr. 7, it would be 37 degree Celsius. However, there would be partial cloudy sky with very light rainfall expected from Apr. 3 to Apr. 7 in Mysuru district, according to IMD.

Special puja offered at Talacauvery for rain

Madikeri, Apr. 3 (BS)- Following severe drought condition in the State including Kodagu district, special puja was performed at Sri Bhagandeshwara Temple and Talacauvery, the birth place of River Cauvery in the district today, praying for a good spell of rain, said M.B. Devaiah, President of Sri Kaaveramme Kodava Amma Kodava Hitarakshana Charitable Trust.

Devaiah said, "Mother Cauvery should show mercy on us to come out of the present drought situation. The devotees, who came from various parts of the State have offered puja at Talacauvery."

By performing puja, we prayed for rainfall and as per the advise of tantris (priests) we did *yelaneeru* (tender coconut) *abhisheka* during the puja. All the devotees took part in the puja rituals. Following drought in the State, people, livestock and wildlife are facing severe water scarcity. Kodagu had last witnessed such a severe drought condition in the year 1924. In the later years, the district had witnessed copious rainfall contributing to better agrarian output.

Now, we have been witnessing severe drought, leading to drying up of rivers and other water bodies. The Governments should be blamed for the current situation, for taking up massive deforestation by cutting trees arbitrarily in the name of development works. The people, livestock and animals are feeling the pinch, crying for water, said Devaiah. Prominent leaders of Sri Kaaveramme Kodava Amma Kodava Hitarakshana Charitable Trust Manu Muddappa, M.K. Aiyanna, Nandakumar, Somaiah and others were present.

Engineering student killed as concrete mixer vehicle hits bike

Mayank

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (RK&KS) - A 22-year-old engineering student was killed on the spot when a concrete mixer vehicle rammed into the bike he was riding near Hootagalli yesterday night.

The deceased student is Mundotira Mayank Poovaiah, a native of Kodagu, who was residing in Hootagalli. He was pursuing his final semester Engineering course at a private college in city.

Poovaiah was proceeding on his Hero Pulse bike (KA-09-JC-2834) from Mysuru side towards Hootagalli, when the concrete mixer vehicle (KA-09-C-9741), which was also coming from Mysuru side hit the bike Poovaiah was riding near Hootagalli at about 10.30 pm from behind resulting in Poovaiah sustaining serious head injuries and succumbing on the spot.

The concrete mixer vehicle driver, after hitting the bike drove the vehicle for about 500 mts, before stopping and fleeing from the spot. VV Puram Traffic Police seized the vehicle and shifted the body of Poovaiah to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem.

Garlanding spree...

Before filing papers, Yaduveer garlands over 12 statues

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (RK&BCT)- Before officially filing his nomination papers as the BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar embarked on a statue-garlanding spree in city this morning.

He paid his respects to notable personalities whose statues are erected in Mysuru city as a mark of honour and reverence. Yaduveer garlanded over 12 statues of various personalities, signalling his commitment to inclusive representation and unity across communities.

The statues he garlanded included the Krishnaraja Wadiyar Statue at K.R. Circle, Chamaraja Wadiyar Statue at Chamaraja Circle, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Statue at Jayachamaraja Wadiya Circle, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue at Town Hall premises, Mahatma Gandhi bust at Gandhi Square, Basavanna statue at Basaveshwara Circle and Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Statue near Gun House Circle.

Yaduveer next proceeded to garland the statues of Jagjeevan Ram at Railway Station Circle, Dr. Rajkumar Statue at Dr. Rajkumar Park, Mahatma Gandhi bust in front of the Mysuru Law Courts Complex, Sangolli Rayanna Circle at the foot of Chamundi Hill, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Statue at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) and Maharshi Valmiki Circle at Sunnadakeri.

Yaduveer was accompanied by Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya, former MLA S.A. Ramdas, Cable Mahesh and others.

Yaduveer files nomination papers amidst fanfare

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Puja performed at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple

Before Yaduveer went in a procession to file his papers this morning, he performed puja at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in the presence of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Vijayendra, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar and BJP In-Charge of Mysuru-Kodagu seat Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan. Yaduveer, Kumaraswamy, Vijayendra, G.T. Devegowda and Prathap Simha sat on a modified vehicle that looked like a chariot.

Accompanying the procession were hundreds of people and vibrant folk troupes, including Dollu Kunita, Bombe Kunita, Veeragase, Bedaru Bombe Mangalavadya, Thamate, Nagaari, Garudi Bombe and others.

The procession followed a route through Albert Victor Road and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle. At this point, Yaduveer disembarked from the chariot and continued the journey in a car to file his papers, accompanied by Kumarasamy and Vijayendra.

Roads barricaded

The procession, adorned with multiple BJP and JD(S) flags symbolising unity between the two parties, made its way to the DC's Office on Bannur Road through Nazarbad.

All roads leading to the DC's Office were barricaded from a distance of 500 meters, and only candidates and their four supporters were permitted entry. The public and media were not allowed inside the premises.

The City Police had issued prior advisories to the general public and motorists, urging them to steer clear of the Male Mahadeshwara Road leading to the Deputy Commissioner's office.

To facilitate the smooth flow of traffic, individuals were encouraged to take an alternative route. They were advised to proceed to Vasant Mahal Junction from Nazarbad Circle and then continue via Tank Bund Road, Boulevard Circle, Sangolli Rayanna Circle and T. Narsipur Road.

Congress candidate files nomination

Congress candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat, M. Lakshmana, also filed his nomination papers this afternoon.

In the run-up, he visited Sri Chamundeswari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in city this morning to offer his prayers.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah accompanied Lakshmana as he filed his nomination papers.

Siddaramaiah had left for Chamarajanagar earlier in the day to accompany Congress candidate Sunil Bose during his filing and accompanied Lakshmana on his return.

Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, KPCC Working President Tanveer Sait and Minister K. Venkatesh too were present.

Sunil Bose, M. Lakshmana file nominations

Congress candidate from Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Constituency Sunil Bose submitting his nomination papers to Returning Officer Shilpa Nag at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Chamarajanagar, this morning. Others seen are (from left) former CADA Chairman Nanjappa, former MLA G.N. Nanjundaswamy, Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah (partially seen). Picture right shows M. Lakshmana, Congress candidate of Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency submitting his nomination papers to Returning Officer Dr. K.V. Rajendra at the DC's Office in Mysuru this afternoon. He was accompanied by CM Siddaramaiah, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh and KPCC Working President and MLA Tanveer Sait.

Sumalatha to join BJP

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Before revealing her decision, Sumalatha, visibly emotional, clarified that her pursuit was never centred around power politics but rather guided by her self-respect — two qualities she inherited from her late husband.

"I was offered the opportunity to contest from Bangalore North, Mysuru-Kodagu and Chikkaballapur Constituencies. However, I remained steadfast in my decision to contest from Mandya on the BJP ticket, despite my efforts until the last minute. Ultimately, I had to make the tough decision not to contest, given the changed circumstances," explained Sumalatha to the gathering.

She also shared with them her experience of being treated with respect by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who respectfully requested her not to leave the party, a departure from the usual treatment accorded to most independent MPs.

"I had previously declared my support for the BJP in the 2023 Assembly elections and now I will be formally joining the BJP soon," stated Sumalatha, emphasizing that her decision to align with the saffron party was the result of deliberations at various levels.

Drawing a parallel between Mandya and India, Sumalatha highlighted the deep-rooted connection her family shares with Mandya, particularly her late husband, Ambarish, who is affectionately called 'Mandyada Gandu' (Man of Mandya).

"Our bond with Mandya will remain the same forever and there is no question of severing the ties with the district," said Sumalatha reinvigorating the emotion.

Without explicitly mentioning Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who had stated that the Congress party did not require Sumalatha's support, she questioned the gathering, "How can I embrace a party that doesn't seem to need me?"

Before arriving at the Kalikamba Temple for darshan of the presiding deity, Sumalatha, who drove directly from Bengaluru, made a brief stop at her residence in Mandya.

Accompanying her were her actor-son Abhishek Ambarish, Sandalwood star Darshan Thoogudeepa, film producer Rockline Venkatesh, Belur Somashekar, President of Akhila Karnataka Ambarish Abhimanigala Sangha, leader Hanakere Shashi and others.

Congress candidate insulted Vokkaligas: Prathap Simha

Prathap Simha

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BLU&VNS)- Incumbent Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha responded strongly to Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh's allegations, which implicated former PM Deve Gowda in him (Prathap Simha) missing the ticket to contest the LS elections.

Addressing media persons here this morning, Prathap Simha expressed his dismay at Venkatesh's statement, stating that he had lost all respect for him. He added that Deve Gowda was adept at nurturing new leaders. Never did he suppress anyone, he said. Prathap Simha emphasised that Minister Venkatesh should acknowledge that it was Deve Gowda who had mentored him as a leader. He revealed that Deve Gowda had a constructive hour-long conversation with Home Minister Amit Shah in his favour. Prathap Simha urged Venkatesh to refrain from making such allegations.

Highlighting that the Congress party still had the opportunity to change its candidate from the Mysuru-Kodagu seat, Prathap Simha called on the party to nominate a deserving Vokkaliga candidate. He criticised the current candidate, stating that he lacked the essential qualities of a Vokkaliga and had previously insulted the community many times.

Simha urged Congress to first replace their candidate before attempting to play Vokkaliga card.

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Obituary

M.L. Suresh

Mysuru, Apr. 3 - M.L. Suresh (55), an employee of a private company and a resident of Niveditha Nagar, passed away following prolonged illness at a private hospital in city this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, two children, brothers including journalist Somaiah Maleyuru and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at his native place Maleyuru in Chamarajanagar district, according to family sources.

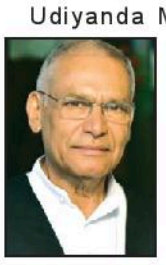
J.V.D. Kumar

J.V.D. Kumar (78), former employee of Ideal Jawa Factory and a resident of Vishwakarma Colony in Gayathripuram 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday night in city.

He leaves behind his wife, four daughters, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this afternoon, according to family sources.

Udiyanda M. Karumbaiah



Udiyanda M. Karumbaiah (Raja), former Chief Manager of Canara Bank and a resident of Sankalpa Prabhu on D. Subbaiah Road, behind Hardwick School in Lakshmipuram, passed away yesterday evening in Bengaluru. He was 81.

A native of Katakeri village, Madikeri taluk in Kodagu, he leaves behind his wife Lalitha (Thathanda), one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Body will be brought to Mysuru tomorrow at 6 am and the last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 11.30 am, according to family sources.

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'Ensure 50,000 lead in Chamundeshwari Constituency'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing Congress party leaders and workers at a meeting held at a private hotel in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (PM&VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urged the Congress party workers from Chamundeshwari Constituency to work for party candidate M. Lakshmana's victory in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing the party leaders and workers at a meeting held at a private hotel in city yesterday, the Chief Minister set a target of 50,000 lead for the party candidate in the Chamundeshwari Constituency. "After Tulasi Dasappa, who belonged to Vokkaliga community, in 1977, the party has given the ticket to a Vokkaliga leader. The internal survey reports suggested that the ticket must be given to a Vokkaliga candidate and accordingly candidature of M. Lakshmana and Mysuru District Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar's names were suggested to the party High Command. However, the party decided to field Lakshmana," he said and added Vijayakumar, who is the President of Mysuru District Congress Committee, also deserved a chance to contest the polls.

BJP will be restricted to 200 seats

BJP's internal survey reports have suggested that the party will win only 200 seats in the ensuing polls. Despite this, they have been projecting 400 seats, said CM Siddaramaiah.

Reacting to Home Minister Amit Shah's claims that the Congress State Government had delayed the process of requesting for drought relief by three months, Siddaramaiah termed the claim as a 'lie' and added that the State Government had sent the request on Sept. 23 following which the Central team had visited the State during October.

"Despite the committee submitting a report on Oct. 20, the Central Government has not released even a rupee towards the drought relief," said Siddaramaiah and added that the State Government had sought a relief of Rs. 18,971 crore which was yet to be considered by the Centre.

CM takes a dig at GTD

While addressing the party leaders and workers, CM Siddaramaiah took a dig at JD(S) Core Committee Chairman and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) stating that he had not worked towards the development of the Constituency.

"The Constituency has remained the same as it was before when I left it. G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has been elected thrice from the Constituency. What is his contribution?" he questioned and added that despite me requesting the JD(S) workers to vote for the then Congress candidate C.H. Vijayshankar during the previous LS polls, they all voted for BJP which resulted in Congress party's defeat.

GTD hits back

Reacting sharply to CM Siddaramaiah's comments, MLA G.T. Devegowda posed a challenge urging the Chief Minister to resign from Varuna Constituency and contest opposite him in Chamundeshwari Constituency, this morning.

Demanding a white paper from Siddaramaiah during his tenure as Chamundeshwari MLA, GTD said that the Chief Minister lacked knowledge about development and added the reason for Siddaramaiah's victory in 2006 by-election was that he (Devegowda) did not campaign for JD(S).

Stating that Siddaramaiah had tried to defeat him in the polls, Devegowda asked the Chief Minister not to indulge in passing comments against him. "Did you not join hands with BJP's bigwigs to emerge victorious in Varuna," questioned Devegowda.

"Officers, including Block Education Officer (BEO) and Tahsildar under Chamundeshwari Constituency, are CM's relatives. I am only an MLA for namesake. Administration is all in your hands. The contractors have to pay commission to CM's son. This is a 60 percent commission Government," he added.

Alleged cheating of investors by private company

Investors asked to approach Lakshmipuram Police with documents

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (KS)- Lakshmipuram Police have registered a case against the CEO of a private company for allegedly luring public by promising high returns on their investments and later cheating them by not returning their money.

Following complaints from the investors, Lakshmipuram Police have registered a case against the CEO of the private company identified as Sri Perfect Venture on Vani Vilas Road in Chamarajapuram.

The Police have asked those who had invested money in the private company to approach them with relevant documents.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh has urged the public not to fall prey to such gullible offers and lose their money. He has asked the public to be careful while investing their hard earned money.

CM visits Suttur Mutt

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BLU&DM)- Ahead of Lok Sabha Polls, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited the Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning and sought the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Later speaking to pressperSons, Siddaramaiah was highly critical of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that the Karnataka Government only is to be blamed for the delayed submission of memorandum seeking drought relief.

Maintaining that the State Government submitted drought reports to the Centre in October last itself, Siddaramaiah said that he would resign if his statement was false and challenged Shah to quit his post if his remarks were false.

Accusing Shah of repeatedly telling lies, Siddaramaiah said that the State Government in its petition filed in the Supreme Court that seeks to direct the Centre for release of drought relief funds, has submitted all details and correspondence that took place with the Centre on release of drought relief funds as recommended by the NDRF.

Urging the Centre for immediate release of drought relief funds, he said that the Centre should devolute funds provided to the State in the right earnest.

Reiterating that the BJP was telling and spreading lies, Siddaramaiah appealed the voters to teach the BJP a lesson by voting it out from power at the Centre.

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat Congress candidate M. Lakshmana and other Congress leaders were present.

LS polls: Assistant Executive Engineer suspended for dereliction of duty

Rs. 9.53 lakh seized at Harohalli check-post

The Static Surveillance Team (SST) which seized unaccounted cash at Harohalli check-post.

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (SPN&KS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, has suspended an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) for dereliction of duty.

The suspended AEE is H.H. Haalappa. He was serving at the VCC Sub-Division and was deputed for election duty and was serving in the night shift at Bogadi check-post in the Static Surveillance Team (SST) from 10 pm to 6 am and was given the responsibility of strictly implementing the Model Code of Conduct.

On Apr. 1 at about 10 pm, when the DC went to the Bogadi check-post for inspection, the DC came to know that Haalappa was not conducting checking of vehicles coming on Bogadi-Mysuru route thus displaying dereliction of duty, which was confirmed by the DC.

The DC then issued the suspension order, pending departmental inquiry, with immediate effect, as per Karnataka Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1957, Rule 10(1).

Rs. 9.53 lakh seized

The SST have seized Rs. 9,53,100 cash which was being transported without documents in a Tata 510 vehicle at Harohalli check-post, Jayapura hobli, coming under Chamundeshwari Constituency. The seized unaccounted cash was deposited at District Treasury strong room by Nodal Officer Vishwanath and his team comprising Guru Chethan, Satish Pal and Mahesh on Apr. 2 at 10 pm as per the direction from Assistant Election Officer Nandeesh and Tahsildar Mahesh Kumar.

Managing human-animal conflicts

Mysuru's women Forest Officers lead the way

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

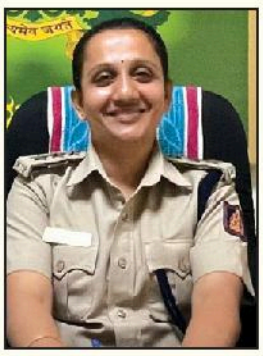
Mysuru, Apr. 3 - Women, who are demonstrating their accomplishments across diverse fields, much like aiming for the stars, are now delving into the Forest Department, actively participating in initiatives for forest conservation. Under the leadership of Conservator of Forests (CF), Mysuru Circle Dr. Malathi Priya, they are not only meeting but also exceeding the duties outlined by the Department, displaying a level of commitment that surpasses expectations.

Dr. Malathi Priya

The influx of women joining the Forest Department, renowned for its challenges and ongoing human-animal conflicts, is rising. Inspired by seasoned female leaders within the Department, fresh faces are stepping up to contribute.

These women officials help rural communities manage human-wildlife conflict and have helped create awareness for managing human-leopard conflict in the Mysuru region.

Over the years, women officials entrenched within the Department have consistently upheld the trust vested in them by diligently fulfilling their assigned responsibilities.



Dhanyashree

Dhanyashree, currently serving as the Range Forest Officer (RFO) of the Mysuru Greening Division within the Forest Department, shared that she successfully cleared the RFO exam in 2016 and commenced her service with the Department.

"Having pursued a B.Sc. degree in Forestry, I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support of my parents. Women encounter challenges across all sectors, yet with the backing of senior officials, colleagues and family members, they can excel in their roles. Joining the Forest Department entails significant responsibilities, such as wildlife conservation and forest protection. Women must take the lead in joining such endeavours. Witnessing the protected forest land and the growth of trees planted during our service period brings immense satisfaction."

Furthermore, amid the ongoing conflict between humans and wildlife, particularly in areas where farmers and the Department vie for control over forest lands, women officers are playing a commendable role.

They are actively engaging in conflict resolution efforts, often working in the heart of these conflict zones, and their efforts have garnered praise. Particularly in the Mysuru region, the significant participation of numerous female officials within the Forest Department is noteworthy, she added.

Pooja Yaligar

Pooja Yaligar, currently serving as the Range Forest Officer (RFO) of H.D. Kote, originally from Bailahongal in Belagavi district, shared, "After joining the Forest Department in 2019 and undergoing training in Uttarakhand, I have previously served as an RFO in Mysuru and now in H.D. Kote. Throughout my journey, my parents have been unwavering in their support and encouragement, enabling me to pursue a degree in B.Sc. Forestry. Regardless of the field or Department, success is attainable through unwavering dedication to one's work. With determination, no task is insurmountable. However, working in the field within the Department requires extra caution at times."

M.R. Rashmi

M.R. Rashmi, currently serving as the Range Forest Officer (RFO) of KR Nagar, expressed, "I have dedicated 17 years of service to the Forest Department. In a society predominantly dominated by men, there are often doubts raised about the capabilities of women. However, the Department has consistently provided equal opportunities and wholeheartedly encouraged us in every aspect. Nature itself knows no gender bias."

"Duty remains consistent for all. We adhere to the regulations set forth by the Department. Our efforts have been focused on fostering harmony between farmers and wildlife, working diligently to encourage coexistence. Addressing the challenges of safeguarding forest lands, resolving disputes between farmers and the Department, and managing human-wildlife conflicts are indeed demanding tasks. Preserving forest areas and protecting wildlife are crucial endeavours, albeit challenging. The significance of forest conservation will only grow in the future, as clean air and drinking water become increasingly vital," she emphasised.

Former VC calls for effective usage of research capabilities of young people

Former University of Mysore and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa speaking during a national seminar on 'University Connect Hub-Engaging Young Minds', in Mysuru recently.

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BLU&DM)- Former University of Mysore and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa observed that effective usage of research capabilities of young minds hold key for the country in leading Science, Technology and Research fronts in the world.

He was speaking at the One-day National seminar on 'University Connect Hub-Engaging Young Minds' organised jointly by the International relations section of University of Mysore, Maharaja college and Cauvery Ayurveda Medical college at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here recently.

Stressing on the need for India to tap the youth potential in terms of Intelligence, Skills and Research, Prof. Rangappa said that such seminars help in utilising the rich human resources of the country.

New Delhi's RIS Member Dr. Sheshadri in his address, said that the ideas of youth for effectively addressing challenges in Science, Technology and Research fronts comes in handy. The RIS is functioning as a platform for Government Policy makers in addressing challenges and handling situations.

R.S. Vasan of Tamilnadu in his address, said that such seminars will help in doubling the knowledge of students. Pointing out that the country has been producing big entrepreneurs these days, he said that such entrepreneurs are creating jobs which is important to note.

Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering Principal Dr. B. Sadashivegowda said India has the potential to challenge other developed countries on the development and growth front. More than 200 representatives from across the country took part in the seminar.

The Seminar Organiser Dr. Krishnaprasad, Dr. Bharathi Hiremath and others were present.

UoM School of Planning and Architecture signs MoU with CSE

For knowledge exchange and capacity building on sustainable habitat

Mysuru, Apr. 3- School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), University of Mysore and Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for knowledge exchange and capacity building on sustainable habitat.

CSE, a Delhi-based environment research and advocacy organisation and SPA have extended their two-year old engagement to mainstream sustainability in the built environment, Energy Efficiency, Circular Economy, Clean and Low Carbon Strategies etc.

UoM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. N.K. Lokanath and V.R. Shylaja, Registrar, Prof. Nagaraj, PMEB Director, Prof. Pramod M. Gawari, Director, SPA and Dr. H.S. Kumara, HoD and Associate Professor, SPA were present from UoM.

Rajneesh Sareen, Programme-Director, Sustainable Building and Habitat programme, CSE, New Delhi represented in the signing ceremony.

The purpose of this engagement is to sensitise the faculty and students on rising environmental challenges and the need to incorporate climate action in education and professions such as planning, architecture, engineering and other sciences.

Following the signing of MoU, CSE and SPA organised a special lecture themed at 'Heat Resilience Planning and Governess".

About 40 faculty members and 150 students from Planning and Architecture Departments of the University participated.

The theme of the programme focused on heat resilience planning and governess as cities are getting warmer every year and the rainfall is becoming erratic due to the urban heat island effect, stated a press release from the Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Manasagangothri.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ethereal

Pronunciation: ih-THEER-ee-ul (Adjective)
Meaning: Ethereal means "of or relating to the regions beyond the earth" or "of or resembling heaven." It can also mean "lacking material substance" and "relating to, containing, or resembling a chemical ether."
Origin: If you're burning to know the history of ethereal, you're in the right spirit to fully understand the word's etymology. The ancient Greeks believed that the Earth was composed of earth, air, fire, and water, but that the heavens and its denizens were made of a purer, less tangible substance known (in English transliteration) as either quintessence or ether. Ether was often described as an invisible light or fire; its name comes from the Greek verb aithein, meaning "to ignite" or "to blaze." When ethereal, the adjectival kin of ether, debuted in English in the 1500s, it described regions beyond the Earth or anything that seemed to originate from them.
Example: "R'lyeh laughs to see that Manny has brought his battle persona of King Kong to the fore again, this time directing the strategy of all the others. The beast's lower half is elsewhere, ethereal, transcending the realms again so as to minimise damage and loss of life. The upper half, however, has formed very real fists of tough, ancient Manhattan schist." —N.K. Jemisin, The World We Make: A Novel, 2022

THE ODD WORD

Gadzooks
Mild oath

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Greatest Thing Since Sliced Bread

Meaning: The idiom 'Greatest thing since sliced bread' means that something is best and most useful innovation or development invented for a long time.
Origin: Sliced bread was first introduced in 1928 by Otto Frederick Rohwedder from Davenport, Iowa, who invented the first loaf-at-a-time bread slicing machine. However, first record of the idiom is thought to be in 1952, where the famous comedian Red Skelton said in an interview with the Salisbury Times: "Don't worry about television. It's the greatest thing since sliced bread".
Example: "I've bought a new touch screen computer, it's the greatest thing since sliced bread, I can't believe I ever worked without it".

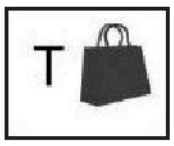
QUOTE BOX

Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts.

—John Wooden

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Teabag.

SUDOKU

			2	3	8			4
	3				4			9
		2				3		
			1	9				5
	7						3	
8				5	6			
		7				6		
1			6				5	
6			7	4	9			

Answer to previous puzzle

8	4	9	1	6	5	2	3	7
5	1	7	2	8	3	9	6	4
2	3	6	7	9	4	1	5	8
4	9	8	5	3	1	7	2	6
7	2	3	9	4	6	5	8	1
1	6	5	8	7	2	3	4	9
3	8	2	4	1	7	6	9	5
9	5	1	6	2	8	4	7	3
6	7	4	3	5	9	8	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

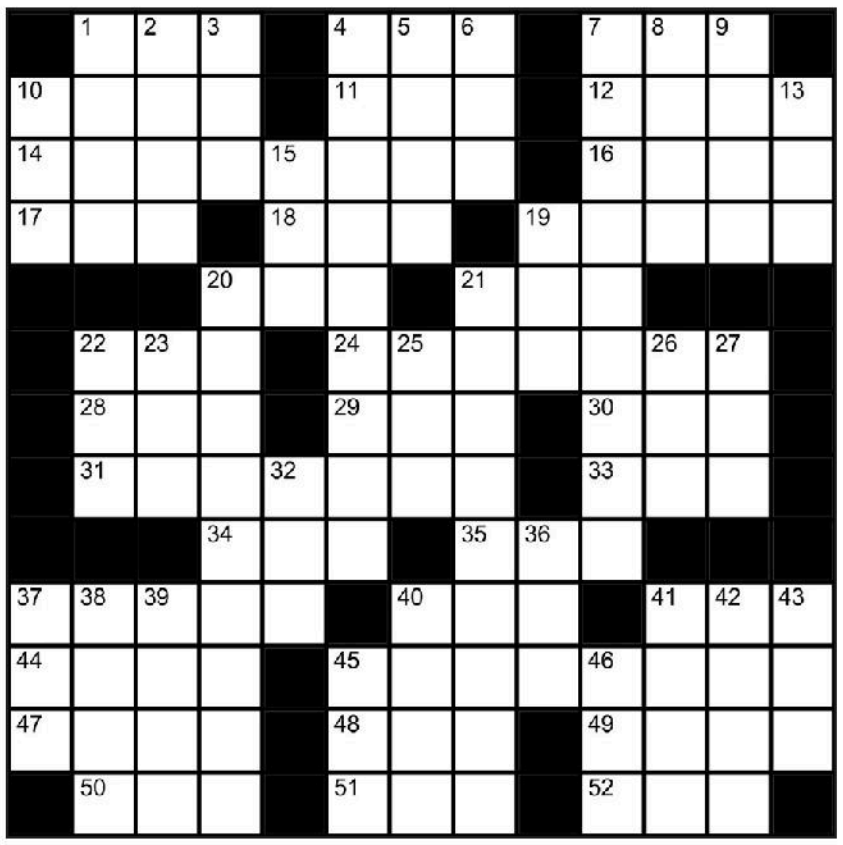
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Possess or have
4 Brown-capped boletus mushroom - "EPC" anagram?
7 Step in ballet
10 A Scottish hillside
11 Have debts
12 Heroic tale
14 Snitch
16 Columbus' ship
17 ___ going : departed?
18 Records
19 Obnoxiously forward
20 China's Mao ___ Tung
21 Robot drama by Karel Capek
22 Pub
24 The Wasteland, poet (1,1,5)
28 Abstract noun suffix
29 A long time
30 Sugar suffix
31 Souvenir
33 Application
34 Small piece
35 Bull periods
37 Doesn't pass
40 John Lennon's Yoko ___
41 Baby barker
44 Ever present as a prefix
45 Mishap, road crash
47 Brought into existence
48 Took food
49 Exchange fee
50 A small barrel
51 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
52 Believer: suffix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	E	R	N	■	P	V	C	■	P	T	A	H
A	S	E	A	■	A	A	A	■	U	R	G	E
C	A	S	E	■	L	A	T	■	P	E	R	I
H	U	E	■	D	I	S	A	P	P	E	A	R
■	■	R	Y	E	■	■	C	A	Y	■	■	■
L	I	V	E	R	P	O	O	L	■	L	T	D
E	V	E	N	■	R	U	M	■	E	U	R	O
T	E	D	■	F	O	R	B	I	D	D	E	N
■	■	■	G	A	B	■	■	N	T	H	■	■
F	L	I	N	T	L	O	C	K	■	I	S	T
A	U	T	O	■	E	R	A	■	S	A	T	A
I	D	E	M	■	M	C	A	■	K	N	O	B
R	O	M	E	■	S	A	N	■	Y	A	P	S

DOWN
1 Yes __ __ : please give the answer? (2,2)
2 Propel lightly
3 Modern prefix
4 Proficient
5 Female sheep
6 For each
7 Miserly
8 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
9 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
10 Large
13 Small low island
15 "Treasure Island" monogram
19 Something to spend in Kabul?
20 Aquiver
21 Forsakes or relinquishes
22 Hobo
23 "Is" in the plural?
25 Drunkard
26 CIA's predecessor
27 Golfer's mound
32 Electronic Instrument Sys.
36 Hawaiian food
37 Watch pocket or a dandy?
38 Run ___ : go berserk (var.)
39 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
40 Eight as a prefix
41 Fastens, secures or nails down?
42 A single thing
43 Please turn over, acronym
45 East Indian shrub
46 Disease activity index, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EJLENJ RVZJ V RVGH QBOJ NJQQBYM ML LD QRJBG

KPDDJGBYM. LPQ LD V DJVG LD QRJ PYUYLCY, QRJA

EGJDJG KPDDJGBYM QRVQ BK DVOBNBVG.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: They didn't want it good, they wanted it Wednesday.

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  Tillu Squar (Te) - 4 Shows
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  Tillu Squar (Te) - 4 Shows
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  Mr. and Mrs. Manmatha (K) - 4 Shows
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  Magadheera (Te) - 4 Shows

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Yuva (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.10 pm 7 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am, 10.10 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-3) 6.50 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 2.50 pm
Crew (H)	(S-2)	4.50 pm, 7.20 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm; (S-4) 4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	(S-3)	3.30 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	11 am, 12.45 pm 5.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Yuva (K)	:	12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 4.10 pm 6.30 pm, 7.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	1.30 pm, 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	4.15 pm, 6.50 pm

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Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (H-2D)	:	4 pm
Yuva (K)	:	9.30 am, 11.45 am, 12.45 pm 3 pm, 4 pm, 6.15 pm 7.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Crew -2024 (H)	:	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	12.25 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	2.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

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Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Yuva (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 9 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	2.10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 3)

- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysuru:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, valedictory function of Shaastra Sabha & Veda Sabha, **5.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, vocal concert by Mysore N. Srinath accompanied by Amogh on violin, P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on ghata, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Fort Mohalla, Shankar Mutt Road, **7 pm;** Chandramoulishwara Puja by Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam Swamiji, Abhinava Shankaralaya, **8.30 pm.**
- **Karma Yoga:** Discourse on 'Karma Yoga' by Swami Mahamedhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Mysuru, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Park, Central Workshop, South Western Railways, Ashokapuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Pt. Satyabhodacharya Rattihalli delivers discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - 18th Chapter,' Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Pt. Satyabhodacharya Rattihalli delivers discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - 18th Chapter,' Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 4)

- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysuru:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, Kumabhisheka at Sannidhis of Sri Mahaganapati, Sri Satyanarayana, Sri Shankaracharya and Punah Pratishtapana of Navagraha Murtis, **8.30 am;** Public Darshan, Pada Puja and Bhiksha Vandana, **10.30 am;** Visits to temples and Dharmic institutions, **4.30 pm;** Abhinava Shankara Karuna Vilasa - Asheervachana to distinguished representatives of institutions and descendants of disciples blessed by Jagadguru Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Nrisimha Bharati Mahaswamiji, **6.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, vocal concert by Prithvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Amogh on violin, Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Mysore G. Subramanya Kumar on ghata, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Fort Mohalla, Shankar Mutt Road, **7 pm;** Chandramoulishwara Puja by Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam Swamiji, Abhinava Shankaralaya, **8.30 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore:** Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences', Seminar Sessions by eminent scholars, Research Centre premises, Manasagangothri, **10 am to 5.15 pm.**
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Crew -2024 (H)	:	9.55 am, 4.30 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.45 pm 7 pm, 9.40 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.40 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	:	3.25 pm
Tharini (K)	:	4.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita'

Mysuru, Apr. 3- Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - 18th Chapter' by Pt. Satyabhodacharya Rattihalli has been organised from Apr. 3 to 7 in city at the two venues in city:

Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram from 5 pm to 6 pm and at Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm daily on the above said days, according to separate press releases from Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti and Uttaradi Mutt.

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 3)

DELHI CAPITALS Vs KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS

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GUJARAT TITANS Vs PUNJAB KINGS

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